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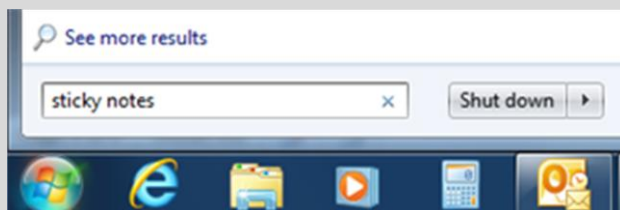
BOCES Technology Challenge: **The Computer v. Post-it War**

Are post-its consuming a computer you know? Have you, or someone you love, ever contemplated the purchase of a larger monitor in order to store more of these addicting yellow sticky squares of information? We need to put an end to this abuse. Your challenge...

- ☐ Find a computer that resembles the one below. Take a picture of it.



- ☐ Transfer the information on the Post-its to electronic sticky notes.
 - Go to your start menu
 - Search for "sticky notes" in your programs and files
 - Click on "sticky notes" and you will see Post-its pop up on your screen
 - You can alternate between viewing and hiding the post-its. Just click the sticky note icon at the bottom of your screen.



- ☐ Take an "after" picture.
- ☐ Submit the before and after pictures to carmisto@pnwboces.org.



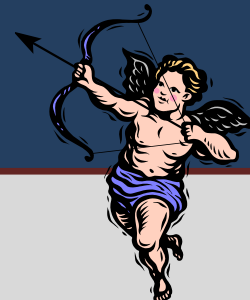


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February's Theme "Instructional Motivators"



Microsoft Live SkyDrive App



View your files on the go! SkyDrive from Microsoft is the place to store your files so you can access them from virtually any device. With SkyDrive for the iPhone, you can now easily access, manage and share files on the go. You can also upload photos or videos from your iPhone to SkyDrive.

10th Annual NYSCATE Hudson Valley Conference

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012

Location: Roy C Ketchum High School (Wappingers Falls, NY)

Cost: \$40 (includes continental breakfast and a hearty lunch)

For a schedule of events, registration brochure, and participating exhibitors, click [here](#).



Live Binder Updates

There is a new section in the Live Binder for Test Prep Resources. Please check out some of the resources that your colleagues have found useful. If you have any resources you'd like to contribute to the Live Binder, you can submit them via this form... [Web Resource Submission](#).

[BOCES Instructional Technology Live Binder](#)

Password: BOCES

BOCES Instructional Technology - Web Resources

Vocabulary Resources

Writing Resources

Regents/Test Prep

Quick Motivators

New





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Poll Everywhere

@ Career and Tech

In keeping with the February instructional technology theme (instructional motivators), Aaron Armisto, Computer Graphics teacher at the Tech Center, demonstrated Poll Everywhere to his colleagues. Poll Everywhere allows for an educator to gather live responses from students. Educators choose from two question formats...open ended or multiple choice. Students can respond to questions using any cell phone, laptop, desktop, or tablet. The answers instantly appear on the poll being projected. Aaron has found that his students are highly motivated and engaged in instruction when given the opportunity to use their cell phones in a directed manner. In the classroom, he uses this web tool to encourage student-centered instruction by providing students with options, such as what content that will be covered next.

Some other uses of Poll Everywhere:

- Have students post questions for the class as they come up (without having to interrupt a lecture).
- Have students respond to a discussion topic.
- Make Poll Everywhere the final step in a "think-pair-share."
- Perfect for a "do now" or exit tickets.
- Check comprehension.

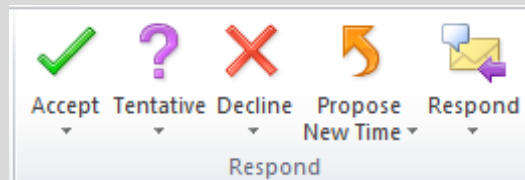


Participate in a Poll Everywhere Poll! Click the link below to answer the question via a text message or webpage. Results will be posted in next month's newsletter.

[Who has the best lunch in Yorktown?](#)

Netiquette:

Outlook Meeting Invites



When you receive a meeting invite, it is proper netiquette (internet etiquette) to make a choice in a timely fashion and respond by clicking the appropriate button (see above). These buttons are often located at the top of the meeting invite email. By submitting your response, you keep the meeting organizer apprised of your decision and you prevent the meetings that you want to attend from being accidentally deleted. If you need to attend a meeting but can't at the time it is scheduled, you can propose a new time for the meeting.





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iSmartboard.com
SMART Board Lessons, Games and Activities

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By Michele Smail

iSmartboard.com is a great resource for any classroom. It has many different interactive activities at a variety of levels. For example, if you are working on letter recognition, then "ABC Letter Order Train" is a great link (see image). "ABC Letter Order Train" not only teaches your students the alphabet, but keeps them engaged while learning. iSmartboard.com has activities for every subject at all grade levels. This is a resource that can be used and enjoyed by all students from elementary to high school!



Previous Newsletters



Frequently Asked Questions

Is there anything you'd like to ask the Instructional Technology Team? If so, please submit your question using this form...[Instructional Technology Questions](#). Frequently asked questions (with answers) will be published in future newsletters. Feel free to leave your name or remain anonymous.

March's Theme

"Instructional Motivators" (cont.)

Upcoming Instructional Technology Meetings...

Program	Date/Time	Location
BOCES	March 19 th @ 2:30	East Conference Room
Career and Tech	March 7 th @ 2:15	CTE Conference Room
Fox Meadow	March 14 th @ 2:00	Fox Meadow - Building 4
Pines Bridge	March 19 th @ 2:30	Pines Bridge Conference Room
Walden	February 29 th @ 2:30	Walden - Room 203

